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1. THIS IS ADDITIONAL REPORT PROMISED IN OTTAWA REFTEL.
2. INTEREST OF MIN OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MSST) IN GENEVA MEETING UNFORTUNATELY REMAINS MINIMAL. THIS NO DOUBT REFLECTS AT LEAST IN PART INCREASINGLY DOMESTIC ORIENTATION OF MSST.
3. TWO MINISTRIES, INDUSTRY TRADE & COMMERCE (IT&C) AND ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES (EM&R), INDICATED KEEN INTEREST IN MEETING BUT NEITHER ARE EVEN APPARENTLY ABLE TO FIELD A REP TO ATTEND. IN BOTH CASES PROBLEM IS THAT JULY AND AUGUST ARE VACATION MONTHS AND CANADIANS TAKE THEIR VACATIONS AS SERIOUSLY AS MOST OTHER RESIDENTS OF NORTHERN CLIMATES.
4. CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA) WAS NON-RESPONSIVE, BUT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE (IDRC) WAS KEENLY INTERESTED BUT AGAIN IS TOO SHORT-STAFFED IN JULY TO SEND REP.

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5. DIRGEN FOR S&T AT IT&C UNDERTOOK TO INFORM SEVERAL CANADIAN

PRIVATE INDUSTRIES WHICH HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE INTERESTED
IN EITHER PARTICIPATING OR ATTENDING. PRESUMABLY THEY WILL
MAKE DIRECT CONTACT THROUGH CANADIAN CHANNELS IF THEY
DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE. PORTER

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